

Comparison of Selected Veterans Enhancements

1995-2004

1985-1994

Increased veterans spending 58.4 percent	★ Increased veterans spending 35.8 percent
Enacted Veterans Program Enhancement of 1998, providing medical benefits for National Guard and Reserves	★ No action
Increased Montgomery GI Bill monthly benefit 143 percent	★ Increased Montgomery GI Bill monthly benefits 35 percent
Enacted Concurrent Receipt legislation in 2003	★ No action
Veterans Health Care Eligibility Reform Act of 1996 – Made all veterans eligible for comprehensive VA health care	★ No comparable action
Veterans Benefits Act of 2003 – Permits DIC for certain remarried spouses, increases adaptive auto and housing grants, and other benefits	★ No comparable action
Veterans Programs Enhancement Act – Improved benefits and services to Persian Gulf War veterans	★ Agent Orange Act of 1991 – Allows presumptive service connection for diseases associated with herbicide exposure
Transportation Equity Act – Veterans Benefits Act – Increase MGIB benefits by 20 percent and indexed to CPI	★ New GI Bill Continuation Act – Made Montgomery GI Bill a permanent program

Note: This is a *partial* listing of comparable actions for the two time periods indicated.

